

Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2 Schedule of Proposed Draft Main Modifications

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Response to LPP2 Draft Main Mods Consultation

I moved to Shippon 17 years ago as I was drawn to its openness and rural setting and did not want to be part of a large estate. I can see that utilising the Airfield for new housing makes sense. However, I am very concerned about Shippon being integrated in a large new development of 1200 houses as it is a much smaller historic village. I believed we had protection in Local Plan part 1 being categorised as a "smaller village" in the Green Belt.

I was pleased to see that the new development would create a new Garden Village as a standalone settlement. A simple buffer from the new Garden Village would give the required separation and protect the openness and preservation of Shippon's historic centre and rural setting.

I was very pleased to see the Inspector's letter dated 30 October 2018 and the VWHDC response showing that Shippon would remain in the Green Belt.

I was then taken aback to see the Inspector's letter dated 19 December 2018 reversing his previous statement in the 30 October 2018 letter. Previously, the Inspector had expressed doubts over the lack of evidence to support any larger development. However, in the 19 December 2019 letter he goes beyond the remit of LPP2 by considering such a larger development as justification for removing not only Dalton Barracks out of the Green Belt but also Shippon. This would create a continuous and integrated extension of the small village by some 200% up to 2031. This is not a Garden Village and goes against the strategic designation of Shippon in LPP1 as a smaller village.

This must make the draft modifications MM4 and MM5 unacceptable unsound.